



Date: March 16, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Bradley Whyte
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau

City Staff

David Ashman, Manager, Special Events
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint.
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD
Sue Prell, Sergeant, Marine Patrol

Commissioners Absent

Mike Malbon
Mike Vescovi

Guests

Steve Schmucker, CMA
Bud Johnson, former MAC commissioner
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Robert Villegas, Admin. Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The February 12, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Grand Prix Swim Trial:

- David Ashman gave a presentation on the U.S. Olympic Team Trials–Swimming, and the Toyota Aquatics Grand Prix to be held here in Long Beach in June and July of this year. He explained the set-up and logistics of the event. The swim stadium will be constructed in the parking lot adjacent to the Long Beach Arena.

June 10-13	Janet Evens Invitational Swim Meet
June 19-20	Synchronized Swimming World Showcase
June 23-27	FINA Women's Water Polo World League Superfinal
July 16-18	FINA Men's Water Polo World League Superfinal

July 7-14 US Olympic Team Trials - Swimming

LBSM/RBH Rebuild:

- Steve Schmucker of CMA, gave a presentation on the LBSM rebuild. He noted that the marina will be restructured from double loaded slips to single loaded slips. The Shore Master System is being used for the docks. This system can change the width of the slips to accommodate the needs of the Marine Bureau. The docks will be manufactured in California, which will allow for better quality control. Mr. Schmucker is planning a power point presentation after hours in Council Chambers for LBSM boatowners.

Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier:

- Mark Sandoval gave a presentation on the pier. The overall development includes a number of individual projects. A mooring program is planned with 60 moorings located on both sides of the pier and in the lee of Island White. Either private funds or a State Department of Boating and Waterways loan will be used for this project. An Aqualink dock is planned at the end of the pier, using Federal transportation funds for funding. Three fishing platforms and a floating dock will be constructed, using funds from a grant through the State Department of Fish and Game. Finally, a veteran's themed art component will be constructed on the pier, and in the water just off the pier. Funding for this had not been established.

Rules and Regulations:

- Community barbeques, etc.
The Marina Rules and Regulations now prohibit the storage of personal items on the docks. A request has been made by boatowners in the LBSM to be allowed to store shade covers, chairs, and barbeques for community use by boatowners on the docks. The Operations Committee has reviewed this request and recommended that storage of barbeques, shade covers, and chairs not be allowed on the docks in a desire to maintain uncluttered dock for safety and aesthetic purposes.

Slip under-sizing policy

- The Marine Bureau has filled slips with undersized vessels for various reasons, i.e., no vessels of the appropriate size to fill the slip, or the vessel is too beamy for the length of the slip. The Committee recommended that a formal undersizing policy not be implemented, due to the operational problems that would be created. However, in discussions with the Director and the MAC Chair, it was concluded that the downside of implementing such a policy, at least for a pilot period, does not out-weigh the benefit that would be derived during the rebuild process, as long as the permittee is willing to pay for the maximum revenue that could be derived from the slip.

The new policy will also allow boatowners on the waiting list, once they have accepted a slip of the appropriate size for their vessel, to submit a transfer request for a larger size slip (one size up), however, they must pay the maximum slip fees for the larger slip.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Miller and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC recommend the Marine Bureau prohibit on-dock community barbeque areas. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Whyte that the MAC support the Marine Bureau policy of under-sizing boats in slips; giving the boatowner the alternative to move to the proper size slip, or stay in the undersized slip and pay the total revenue that could be generated from that slip. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

MAC Annual Report

Chairwoman Spence asked the commissioners to give input on the "committee" portion of the Annual Report.

Chairwoman Spence gave Mark Sandoval a letter of observation by Commissioner Malbon and asked that his remarks be included in the report.

She noted that Goal 4, Objective 9 regarding the development of a trust fund for the marinas has not been met.

Chairwoman Spence stated she believes an analysis should be done on Basin 8, since it is a newly built basin, and that the requirement of an analysis be written into the Annual Report. She said that a reserve analysis is typically done at the beginning of a new marina, because it provides a benchmark for a trust fund (reserve account).

The Annual Report will be back on the MAC Agenda under Old Business next month.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of February.

- Doug Parsons reported that 360 slips are unavailable at the LBSM due to the rebuild. ABM has 111 slips held unavailable.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of February.

- Marine Maintenance completed 249 requests for service.
- The Belmont Plaza Pool and the QWB areas are experiencing problems with skateboarders. Maintenance is looking at using skate stops to prevent skateboarders on the planters.
- As part of the Bluff Master Plan, the Sports Office at Junipero behind Lifeguard Headquarters will be putting in a volleyball court.
- Chairwoman Spence thanked Jeff Edwards for his work on the signage for Dunster Park

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of February.

- In-service training is scheduled to begin.
- Marine Safety will buy eight of the eleven Chevy trucks that the LBFD had received in a sponsorship agreement. The City will save \$90,000 through the purchase of these vehicles. Not having to remove and re-install emergency equipment will save \$34,800.
- On March 23, Marine Safety will go before the City Council regarding the purchase of a new rescue boat.

Marine Patrol Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Sue Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of January.

- Applications are in for the job of LBPD Sergeant of Marine Patrol.
- Today is the last day of 80 hours of various LPBD training that Sergeant Tim O'Donnell set up for Marine Patrol Officers. K-9 teams have been working in the marinas as back up while the officers have been in training.

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Executive MAC

- Covered in meeting.

Operations Committee

- Covered in meeting

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Hutton reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Beach Erosion-Nourishment. The cut-off date for sand movement is March 15, due to the grunion date.
- Beach Erosion-Sandbag Groins. The installation is complete and the bags are holding sand. The project will be reviewed a year from now.
- Basin 8 is complete, however, the contractor has not removed the dirt he dumped there.

Finance and Information Committee

- Did not meet.
- Next meeting April 8, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Vice Chairman Miller asked Joe Segura of the Press Telegram if he could find out why the Pac-10, Stanford vs. USC International Swim Meet, was not mentioned in the paper. He asked how mention in the paper of these types of events could be insured in the future.

Joe said that he would mention his concerns to Jim McCormick, the Sports Editor.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for April 8, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk